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1. The "Komendant" of the Soviet garrison at Pleven is Lt.Col. Golubev. There are small signals units and a battalion of infantry in Pleven.
2. At Shumen there is an "Etape Komendatura" at the railway station. The "Etape Komendant" is a Major, with a Captain as assistant. Both live at the Military Club. This unit has its own telephone exchange and telegraph at the station, about 150 soldiers and a number of trucks.
3. There is a Soviet signals platoon quartered in the barracks of the Bulgarian 7th Infantry Regiment at Shumen. The repair workshop in the Bulgarian artillery barracks in this same city has been taken over by the Russians for truck and tractor repair.
4. At Kaspitchan the Hotel Bulgaria is occupied by the Soviets. There is a military telephone exchange on the top floor.
5. On 11 November 20 flat cars (without a locomotive) were seen at the Karnobat station. They were believed to have arrived from Shumen and were loaded with tanks. There were three cars of soldiers also.
6. The small Soviet unit at Kuklen has now gone to Tatar Pazardzik. No Soviet troops remain at Kuklen.
7. Since about the end of November there has been a Soviet motorized unit encamped at Kritchina. Before that time there was a transport unit stationed there.
8. At the beginning of December a Soviet motorized infantry regiment arrived at Peshtera. There were about 110 or 120 trucks attached to this unit.
9. On 5 December a Soviet General, accompanied by his Adjutant—Captain, two Soviet Colonels and two Bulgarian Colonels arrived at Kirdzhali and toured the area by car.
10. On 7 and 8 December, a column of light tanks passed through Kazanlik towards Tulovo.
11. On 8 December a column of 20 trucks with about 500 soldiers left Nova Zagora by road towards Elkhovo.
12. On 8, 9, and 10 December two double trains arrived at Sliven. Each train was made up of 35 to 40 cars and two locomotives. They were loaded with ammunition and

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gasoline. About 100 Russians in civilian clothes arrived on the 9230 train.

13. On 13 December a train made up of 30 cars arrived at Rakovski. Twenty were closed and the remainder were loaded with barrels of gasoline or oil.
14. On 7 December two trains passed through Dobrich towards Shumen carrying Soviet troops said to be on the way to Gorna Orekhovitsa.
15. The St. Constantine monastery at Varna is occupied by a motorized artillery unit.
16. At Dolni Chiflik there is a Soviet heavy artillery unit under the command of the Soviet Headquarters at Aitos.
17. No Soviet troops have been seen lately in the vicinity of the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier.

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